

# PG&E's Approach to Calculating MAOP

## MAOP Validation and Class Location Workshop

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# Agenda

- ☐ Company Overview
- ☐ Use of 49 CFR § 192.619 (for pipelines above 60 psi)
- ☐ Establishing design MAOP when features are unknown
- ☐ Role and use of pressure testing
- ☐ Final Remarks



# Company Overview

- Pacific Gas and Electric Company is one of the largest combination natural gas and electric utilities in the United States.
- The company provides natural gas and electric service to approximately 15 million people throughout a 70,000-square-mile service area in northern and central California.
- Service area stretches from Eureka in the north to Bakersfield in the south, and from the Pacific Ocean in the west to the Sierra Nevada in the east.
- Approximately 6,750 miles of pipelines operating above 60 psi (scope of MAOP Validation).
- More than 42,000 miles of gas pipelines.
- 5.1 million electric customer accounts.
- 4.3 million gas customer accounts.



# California Requirements

## Public Utilities Code 958 requires:

- Test or replacement of untested **transmission** pipelines
- Engineering-based assumptions may be used to determine Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) as an interim measure

*A strength test validates the MAOP.*

*PG&E's approach is more conservative than these requirements.*

Use of 49 CFR § 192.619

## MAOP Validation

**PG&E uses only 49 CFR 192.619(a) and D.11-06-017 to validate MAOP → Lowest of:**

- 619(a)(1): *Design pressure* of weakest element
- 619(a)(2): Strength test pressure divided by strength test factor (*test-supported pressure*)
- 619(a)(3): Highest actual operating pressure between 1965 and 1970 (*historical pressure*)
- 619(a)(4): Maximum safe pressure

**PG&E no longer relies on the “Grandfather Clause”  
49 CFR 192.619(c)**

# Design Pressure

## 49 CFR 192.619(a)(1)

- 49 CFR 192.105: Design formula

$$P = (2 S t / D) \times F \times E \times T$$

- 49 CFR 192.111: Design factor ( $F$ )
- 49 CFR 192.115: Temperature derating factor ( $T$ )
- D.11-06-017: Use combination of historical records and conservative engineering assumptions for  $D$ ,  $S$ ,  $t$  and long seam type (E) in accordance with PUC 958

# Test-Supported Pressure

## 49 CFR 619(a)(2):

$$MAOP \text{ of Test} = P_T / STF$$

- Strength test factor (STF) most stringent requirement of following historical requirements (at the time of the test):
  - Federal code 49 CFR
  - State code (GO 112)
  - PG&E standards



# Historical MAOP

## 49 CFR 192.619(a)(3)

- PG&E did not use MAOP Validation effort to increase pressure beyond historical MAOP (MAOP of Record)
- MAOP of Record obtained from PG&E's MAOP catalog (created in 1979 the catalog kept track of pipeline MAOPs, included and described in March 15, 2011 filing)





Use of 49 CFR § 192.619

# MAOP Validation Report

## MAOP Validation Report



Report Date: 08/21/2014

### MAOP Report Details:

| Historic MP | Begin Measure | End Measure | Component       | Year Installed | OD    | WT     | SMY S | Fitting Rating | Seam Type                | Joint Efficiency Factor | MAOP per Design | Test Pressure | Test Year | MAOP per Test | MAOP per R | Class       | % SMY S per R | Operating in Class | MAOP Limit Factor | Component MAOP |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|--------|-------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|             | 0+00.0        | 0+01.0      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2800 | 35000 | N/A            | Seamless                 | 1.0                     | 1479            | 1450          | 1991      | 988           | 489        | ! in Statio | 15.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+01.0        | 0+02.0      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2800 | 35000 | N/A            | Seamless                 | 1.0                     | 1479            | 1450          | 1991      | 988           | 489        | ! in Statio | 15.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+02.0        | 0+03.3      | Valve           | 1991           | 6.625 | N/A    | N/A   | ANSI 400 #     | N/A                      | N/A                     | 980             | 1450          | 1991      | N/A           | 489        | ! in Statio | N/A           | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+03.3        | 0+04.3      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2800 | 35000 | N/A            | Seamless                 | 1.0                     | 1479            | 1450          | 1991      | 988           | 489        | ! in Statio | 15.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+04.3        | 0+05.3      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2800 | 35000 | N/A            | Seamless                 | 1.0                     | 1479            | 1450          | 1991      | 988           | 489        | ! in Statio | 15.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+05.3        | 0+06.2      | Tee             | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2800 | 35000 | N/A            | Unknown                  | 1.0                     | 1479            | 1450          | 1991      | 988           | 489        | ! in Statio | 15.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+06.2        | 0+07.7      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1450          | 1991      | 988           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+07.7        | 0+08.7      | Insulating Join | 1991           | 6.625 | N/A    | N/A   | ANSI 300 #     | N/A                      | N/A                     | 720             | 1117          | 1991      | N/A           | 489        | 2           | N/A           | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+08.7        | 0+12.4      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+12.4        | 0+13.7      | Mfg Bend        | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2190 | 42000 | N/A            | Unknown                  | 1.0                     | 1688            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 16.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+13.7        | 0+45.7      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+45.7        | 0+46.4      | Mfg Bend        | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2190 | 42000 | N/A            | Unknown                  | 1.0                     | 1688            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 16.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+46.4        | 0+47.7      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+47.7        | 0+48.4      | Mfg Bend        | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2190 | 42000 | N/A            | Unknown                  | 1.0                     | 1688            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 16.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+48.4        | 0+50.7      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+50.7        | 0+51.4      | Mfg Bend        | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2190 | 42000 | N/A            | Unknown                  | 1.0                     | 1688            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 16.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+51.4        | 0+53.7      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+53.7        | 0+54.4      | Mfg Bend        | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2190 | 42000 | N/A            | Unknown                  | 1.0                     | 1688            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 16.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+54.4        | 0+83.2      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+83.2        | 0+84.0      | Mfg Bend        | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2190 | 42000 | N/A            | Unknown                  | 1.0                     | 1688            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 16.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 0+84.0        | 2+51.7      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 2+51.7        | 2+52.5      | Mfg Bend        | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2190 | 42000 | N/A            | Unknown                  | 1.0                     | 1688            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 16.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 2+52.5        | 2+77.5      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 2+77.5        | 7+83.0      | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 7+83.0        | 15+09.0     | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 15+09.0       | 24+26.0     | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 24+26.0       | 24+51.0     | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1191            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | rd Road C   | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 24+51.0       | 25+57.3     | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 25+57.3       | 25+58.6     | Mfg Bend        | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2190 | 42000 | N/A            | Unknown                  | 1.0                     | 1688            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 16.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 25+58.6       | 26+00.3     | Pipe            | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.1880 | 42000 | N/A            | Electric Resistance Weld | 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 19.7%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |
|             | 26+00.3       | 26+01.8     | Mfg Bend        | 1991           | 6.625 | 0.2190 | 42000 | N/A            | Unknown                  | 1.0                     | 1688            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 489        | 2           | 16.9%         | Y                  | R                 | 489            |



Use of 49 CFR § 192.619

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619(a)(1)



619(a)(2)

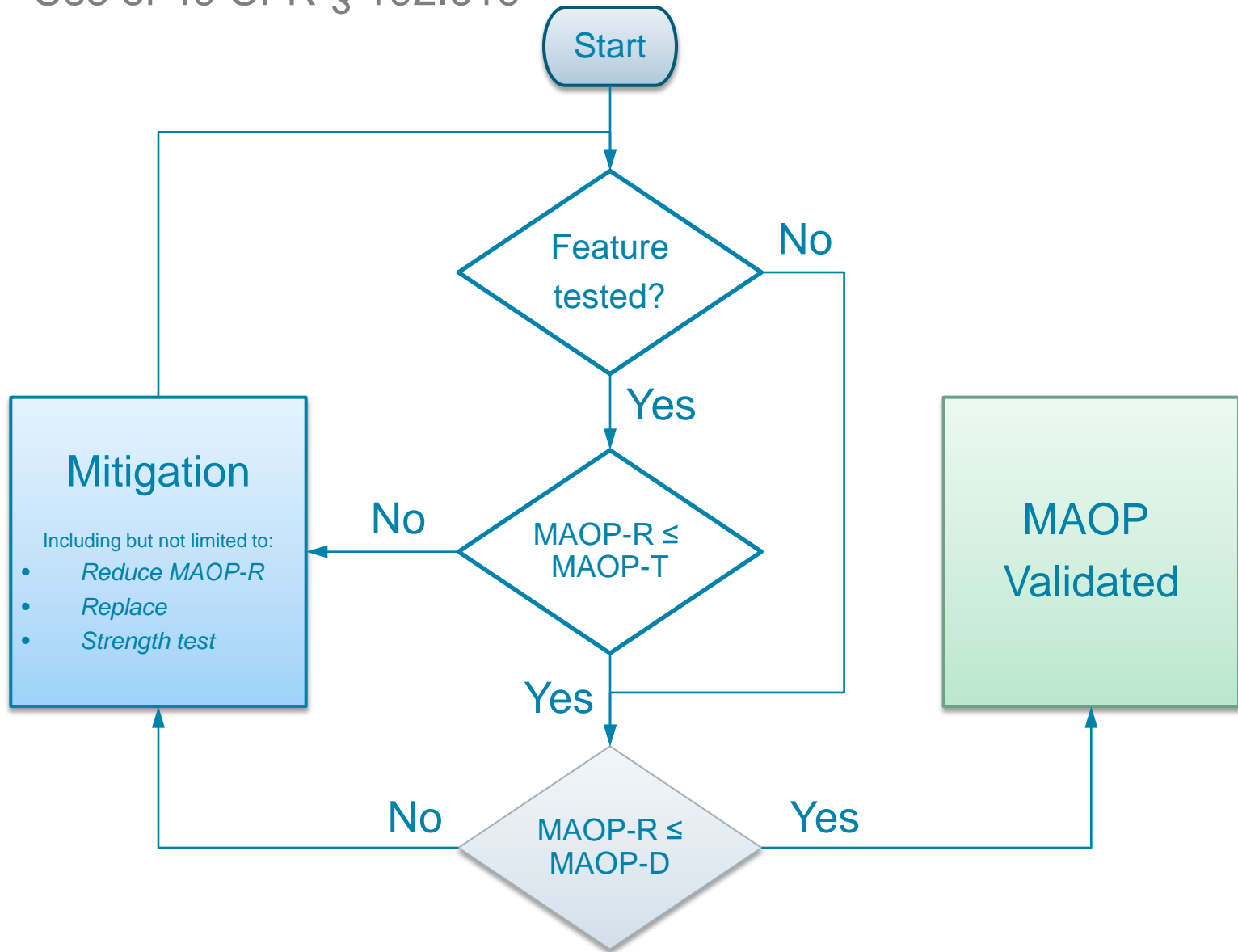


619(a)(3)



| Joint Efficiency Factor | MAOP per Design | Test Pressure | Test Year | MAOP per Test | MAOP per R | Class | % SMYS per R | Operating in Class | MAOP Limit Factor | Component MAOP |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|------------|-------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 469        | 2     | 19.7%        | Y                  | R                 | 469            |
| 1.0                     | 1666            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 469        | 2     | 16.9%        | Y                  | R                 | 469            |
| 1.0                     | 1430            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 469        | 2     | 19.7%        | Y                  | R                 | 469            |
| 1.0                     | 1666            | 1117          | 1991      | 744           | 469        | 2     | 16.9%        | Y                  | R                 | 469            |

# Use of 49 CFR § 192.619





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## Requirements to Operate *“One Class Out”*

- Strength test meets 192.611 requirements (8h, appropriate strength test factor, etc.)
- Not uprated to be one class out

### 192.607

- One class out in 1970
- Tested in or before 1974

OR

### 192.611

- Installed in class (or in class in 1970)
- Class location increased after 1970

# Recent “*One Class Out*” Study

**Reviewed all features operating *one class out***

Determined historical class location (parcel data, historical photography, field investigations, etc.)

- At time of install (if installed post-1970)
- In 1970 (if installed pre-1970)

# ***“One Class Out” Study Results***

## **4 categories of findings**

- Feature operates one class out since 1970 (49 CFR 192.607)
- Feature operates one class out since class location change per 192.611 (post 7/1/1973)
- Feature installed out of class post 1970 (self-reported - October 9, 2014)
- Feature uprated to be out of class (self-reported - October 9, 2014)

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# Details of Self-Report

October 9, 2014

## Installed out of class

- Example: Pipeline designed for class 1 location (72% SMYS). Analysis shows that at the time of install, there were more than 10 structures intended for human occupancy. Even if test meets requirements of 49 CFR 192.611, there was never a class location change.

## Upgraded to be out of class: 49 CFR 192.553(d)

- Example: Pipeline operated in class and was upgraded (with test that meets 49 CFR 192.611 requirements) to be one class out.

# Standardized Conservative Assumptions (Design Pressure)

## Procedure for Resolution of Unknown Pipeline Features (PRUPF) TD-4199P-01

- Assumptions driven by diameter and purchase date (and other specs if known)
- Historical purchase practices
- Most conservative value based on PFL data
  - Was revised as more data was available
- Does not apply to acquired/purchased pipelines





## Establishing Design MAOP When Features Are Unknown

# Example: Determine SMYS

For 24" OD, SMLS pipe purchased in 1956

| Nominal<br>Pipe<br>Size<br>(inches) | Seam<br>Type &<br>Joint<br>Factor | PURCHASE DATE<br>See Section 3 if Purchase Date is Unknown |                        |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |                     |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                     |                                   | Un-<br>known<br>Date                                       | Prior to<br>12/31/1930 | 01/01/1931<br>to<br>12/31/1948 | 01/01/1949<br>to<br>01/30/1955 | 01/31/1955<br>to<br>11/23/1959 | 11/24/1959<br>to<br>10/12/1964 | 10/13/1964<br>to<br>08/28/1972 | 08/29/1972<br>to<br>07/27/1990 | 07/28/1990<br>to<br>02/27/1995 | 02/28/1995<br>to<br>10/18/1998 | As of<br>10/19/1998 |
|                                     |                                   | MINIMUM SMYS of MATERIAL (kpsi)                            |                        |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |                     |
| 24                                  | Un-<br>known                      | 33 SSAW/AOS  |                        |                                | 35 SMLS/DSAW                   |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                | 42 S/D                         | 35 S/D              |
|                                     | SSAW<br>/ AOS<br>0.8              | 33   | 33                     | 33                             | N/A                            |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |                     |
|                                     | SMLS<br>1.0                       | 30   | 30                     | 30                             | 35                             | 35                             | 35                             | 35                             | 35                             | 35                             | 42                             | 35                  |
|                                     | DSAW<br>1.0                       | 35   | 35                     | 35                             | 35                             | 42                             | 35                             | 35                             | 42                             | 42                             | 42                             | 42                  |

Assume 35 ksi SMYS

# Acquired/Purchased Pipelines

- PG&E standards and historical purchase practices do not apply to pipelines acquired from other operators
- Did not apply PG&E's historical purchase practices pipeline
- Used minimum values when possible
  - Federal minimum SMYS = 24 ksi (per 192.107)
  - Minimum joint factor (0.6 and 0.8 based on diameter, per 192.113)
  - Minimum commercially available wall thickness (WT)

## Field Investigations

- Performed inspections on features when conservative assumptions could not validate MAOP
- Effort was made to excavate in strategic locations to expose as many features as possible
- Performed full inspections (OD, WT, long seam characterization, non-destructive testing for yield strength, etc.)
- ***Continuing to gather field data through various activities (ILI, DA, strength tests, etc.) and using it to validate records and conservative assumptions***

# Destructive Testing

**Use destructive testing to validate assumed SMYS**

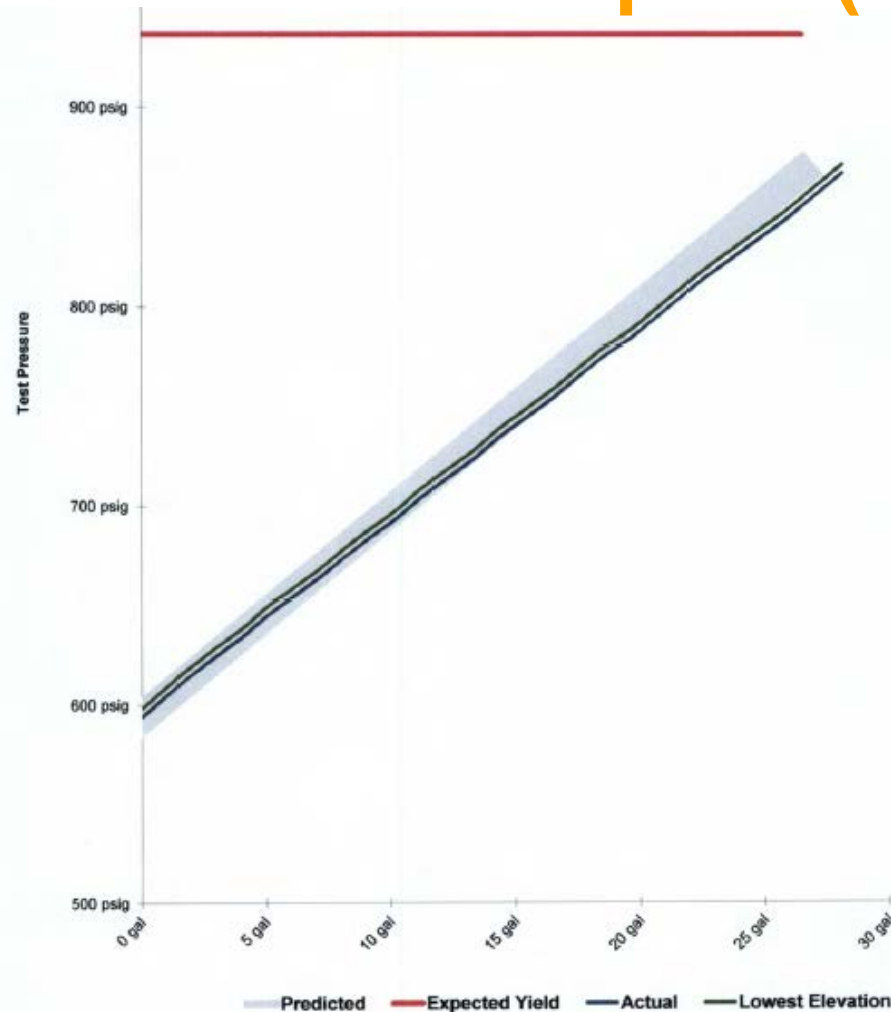
Example, A.O. Smith SMYS assumed to be 33,000 psi

Recent tests show assumption is conservative

| Location          | Date      | Weld Metal<br>Yield Strength<br>(psi) | Parent Metal<br>Yield Strength<br>(psi) | Reference<br>Number |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Line 147 MP 2.2   | 8/19/2013 | 42,900                                | 39,300                                  | 5004.9237           |
| Line 101 MP 12.50 | 2/9/2015  | 40,200                                | 42,100                                  | 5005.1310           |
| Line 101 MP 12.63 | 4/8/2015  | 45,700                                | 40,000                                  | 5005.1566           |

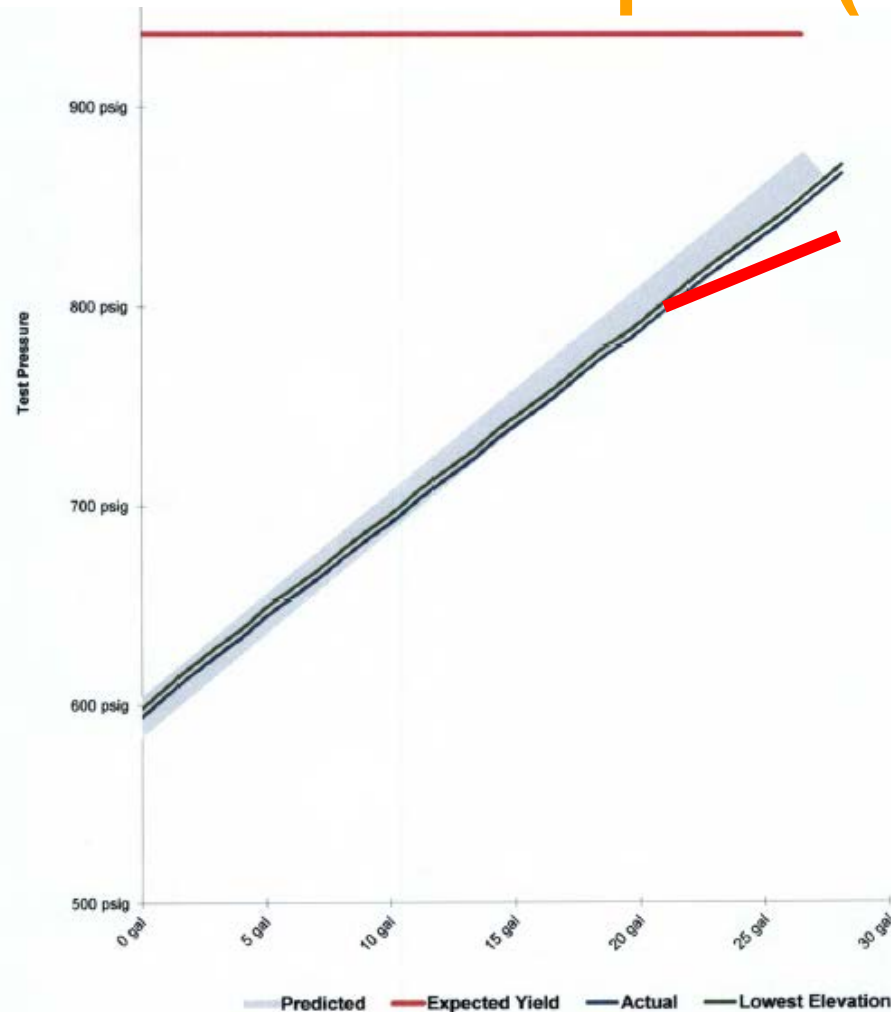
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# Pressure-Volume Curves to Validate Assumed Specs (3<sup>rd</sup> party)



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# Strength Testing

- PUC 958 requires CA operators to strength test (or replace) all pipelines without traceable, verifiable and complete records of a strength test to validate historical MAOP
- PG&E is more conservative and uses the lower of 619(a)(1)-(4)

# Regulatory Oversight

- PG&E has held multiple workshops with SED and has been transparent about MAOP Validation process
- MAOP Validation process and the Procedure for Resolution of Unknown Pipeline Features (PRUPF) has been reviewed by SED (as part of PSEP safety review, report issued on ...)



# Thank You

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